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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

SIR:

In response to the office action of July 26, 2004, Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time, extending the period of response up to and including December 27, 2004 (December 26 being a Sunday). The Office is authorized to charge Kenyon and Kenyon's Deposit Account 11-0600 for the fee for this extension of time. Applicants request entry of the following amendments and request reconsideration of the present application.

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Applicants' representative to discuss any issue that would expedite allowance of the subject application.

Any fees for extension(s) of time or additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such required fees or to credit any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: December 27, 2004

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